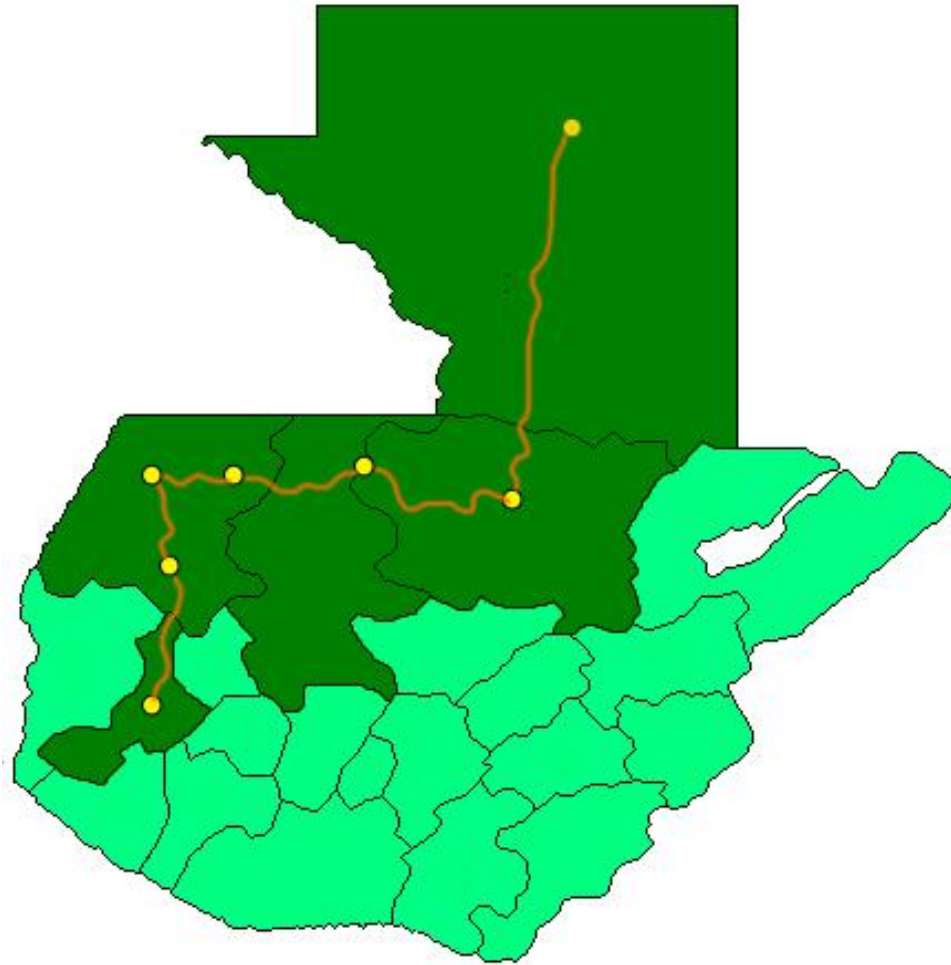


# AMAZING NEW ADVENTUROUS 4X4WHEEL DRIVE TRIP

FROM QUETZALTENANGO OR HUEHUETENANGO TO FLORES (OR COBAN)!!!!

03 DAYS/02 NIGHTS (OR MORE)



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**Day 1**

Leaving from Quetzaltenango, Arriving late afternoon in SANTA CRUZ BARRILLAS (Huehuetenango)

**Remote and largely retaining its traditions, the GUATEMALA when daydreaming (before coming)**

<p>06 am</p>	<p>0 kms</p>	<p>Leaving Quetzaltenango early in the morning for Huehuetenango , where we have breakfast in MI TIERRA CAFÉ</p> <p><i>Things to do and to visit</i> ( Saints day 16th July, 1901 mts above sea level )</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Archeological site ZACULEU, with excellent small museum, the architecture is similar to that of the Pre-Columbian sites in Mexico. Ceremonial platforms set in the middle of plazas, steep pyramids and flat-roofed temples are among the restored structures</li> <li>(b) Paleontological site EL MAMUT ( better known as chibacabe)</li> <li>(c) The center of town (down town) , with central park and surrounding buildings , relief map</li> </ul>		<p>85 kms</p>
<p>08 am – 09 am</p>		<p>85 kms</p> <p>Breakfast (NOT included)</p> <p><b>Note:</b> if you are leaving from Huehuetenango, we strongly recommend Hotel Cascata for overnight; friendly ownership (speaks English, Spanish, Dutch and French.</p>		
<p>09 am</p>		<p>From Huehuetenango to ( Saints day 02th February, 1980 above sea level)</p> <p><i>Things to do and to visit</i> ( if you have MORE time)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) La virgen de candelaria , better known as the virgin of silver, in the church</li> <li>(b) Ask for the handicrafts from leather to bronze</li> <li>(c) Archeological site Chiantla Viejo, about 5 kms from town (just follow the), relatively few tourist have seen this!</li> <li>(d) Archeological site Quisil, far away in the North of this town, 3 hours extra in 4wheel drive!</li> <li>(e) A magical place called AGUA ESCONDIDA, hidden water, nearby the community of Mixlaj and Palo Grande... You need a lot of time but worth going, because this is the place to see the National bird THE QUETZAL (return to Unicornio Azul). This is an extra day of travelling and a good physical condition, as well as a good car! (see extra map)</li> </ul> <p><i>Please ask for more information about these amazing places! The tiny village of Chiantla attracts pilgrims from all over the country who come to see the spectacular Virgin del Rosario contained in the church. Enclosed in a glass case, the virgin is dressed in priceless silver and adornments. During Colonial times, Chiantla was one of the richest silver-mining centers in Guatemala</i></p>		<p>07 kms</p>
				

09.20 am	92 kms	 <p>Chiantla - La Capellanilla (and nearby Chiabal)  <i>Things to do and to visit</i> (if you have more time)          (a) Community tourism (rural tourism) , see also  <a href="http://adrenalinatours.com/comunitarytourism/chiabal.html">http://adrenalinatours.com/comunitarytourism/chiabal.html</a>          (b) Piedra Cuache</p> <p>In Chiabal, a rare eco-tourism project has been initiated by community leaders with the support of FUNDAP (Fundacion para el Desarrollo Integral de Programas Socioeconomicos). Their ecological project is working to protect their natural reserve, support their reforestation efforts, and offer foreigners magnificent views of an incomparable landscape. The community of Chiabal is a small, sparsely populated pueblo on the high plateau road that leads to the valley of the main village of, and it is usually passed over by tourists on the sleepy early morning bus ride from Huehuetenango to Todos Santos. Their new eco-tourism excursion, El Mirador - La Piedra Cuache, offers good exercise and incredible sights for those who enjoy the outdoors and a unique educational lesson about the land and culture of the high plateau.          It is very important that you ask the local cooperative at the entrance of the area for permission to enter, especially if you plan on camping out. This area has gone through many territory disputes, and the last thing they need is a gringo looking like he's going to buy the place.</p>	41 kms	
10.00 am	131 kms	<p>La capellanilla – Paquix  <i>Things to do and to visit</i>          (a) Unicornio azul, <a href="http://www.unicornioazul.com">www.unicornioazul.com</a> , horseback riding in the Cuchumatanes mountains (overnight possible) , Paulina (French) and Fernando will welcome you to stay with them !</p>		8 kms
10.15 am	139 kms	 <p>Paquix – Captzin (enormous stones)          From the Paquix Junction, the spectacularly scenic road heads north to several mountain towns in the heart of the Cuchumatanes. Along the road are some exquisite pastures, which have been grazed since colonial times. Large, gray boulders are also strewn about and the frigid mountain scenery is at once beautiful and inhospitable. At the edge of the plateau, the road begins its steep descent shortly after passing a local limestone outcropping in the shape of two pointy teeth known as the. The stones are sacred to the local Q'anjob'al.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> To go to Todos Santos, from Paquix Junction is about 1 hour, market on Saturday... if you have time... Give it a try.  <b>Todos Santos Cuchumatan</b> is situated in the Sierra de los Anchos an elevation of 2,500 m (about 8,000 ft). The municipality covers an area of approximately 269 km<sup>2</sup> and is formed by the town of Todos Santos Cuchumatan, villages, and smaller rural communities, called caserios, parajes, and cantones. The population of Todos Santos is predominantly indigenous, of Mayan descent, most of whom still speak the Mayan language of Mam. The town is one of few places in Guatemala where indigenous men still wear their traditional clothing, along with the women.</p>		21 kms

10.45 am	160 kms	 <p>Captzin – San Juan Ixcoy  <i>Things to do and to visit:</i>  (a) Waterfalls of Papahau (in the small town of Magdalena, in fact also )  (b) <u>Several</u> small archeological sites such as Quisil I, Pie de la cuesta, Jalomhuitz and Osorio Papahau (for the real specialists!)  (c) Mayan altar Bacau , built above a hidden mayan temple</p> <p><b>San Juan Ixcoy</b> is a municipality in the Guatemalan department of Huehuetenango. The municipality covers an area of 224 km<sup>2</sup> and is formed by the town of San Juan Ixcoy, 11 villages and 33 caserios (rural communities). Its population of 19,367 (in 2002) is predominantly of Maya Q'anjob'al descent.</p>	12 kms
11.00 am	172 kms	<p>San Juan Ixcoy – San Pedro Soloma  <i>Things to do and to visit:</i>  (a) Typical clothing , very colorful , church &amp; central park (kiosk)  (b) Waterfalls of Pepajau, about 15 minutes North from Central Park, best to ask one of the locals!</p> <p><b>San Pedro Soloma or Soloma</b> is a municipality in the Guatemalan department of Huehuetenango. It is situated in the Sierra de los Cuchumatanes at 2,300 m above sea level. The municipality covers a total area of 264 km<sup>2</sup> with elevations ranging from 1,900 m to 3,500 m. Its population of 37,500 people is spread over the town of Soloma, 19 villages and 50 smaller rural communities (caserios). The annual celebrations in honor of the town's patron Saint Peter take place from June 24 to 30. Its Mayan name is Tzu'luma.</p>	 13 kms
11.15 am	185 kms	 <p>San Pedro Soloma – Santa Eulalia (Saints day , 12th February, 2580 mts above sea level , market  Rough road ☐! ( 45 minutes for 14 kms)</p> <p><i>Things to do and to visit:</i>  (a) Colonial church with ceremonial place in front of the church ( in honor of Jolomconob, Mayan God)  (b) Several marimba factories (for ejemplo Christo rey , Mr. Juan Mateo)</p>	14 kms
12.00 pm	199 kms	<p>Santa Eulalia – San Mateo Ixtatan  Rough road ☐! ( 1.30 hours for 32 kms)</p> <p><i>Things to do and to visit:</i>  Colonial church in the center, from the XVI century  Interesting and easy accessible ceremonial &amp; archeological site El Calvario , 5 minutes from central Park  Magnificent and spectacular typical clothing of the women  Traditions are well saved, and on market days... there is always something to experience ( Thursdays and Sundays)</p> <p>Several less know archeological sites , such as Katepan I , Xequel and others ( ask us for more information on the tour)  Salt mines! (ask the locals, easy to find)</p>	 32 kms

		<p><b>San Mateo Ixtatan</b> is a municipality in the Guatemalan department of Huehuetenango. It is situated at 2540m above sea level in the Cuchumatanes mountain range and covers 560 km<sup>2</sup> of terrain. It has a cold climate and is located in a cloud forest. The temperature fluctuates between 0.5°C and 20°C. The coldest months are from November to January and the warmest months are April and May. The town has a population of about 10,000, and is the municipal center for an additional 20,000 people living in the surrounding mountain villages. It has a weekly market on Thursday and Sunday. The annual town festival takes place from <b>September 19 to September 21</b> honoring their patron Saint Matthew. The residents of San Mateo speak the Mayan language Chuj, not to be confused with Chuj baths, or wood fired steam rooms that are common throughout the central and western highlands.</p>	
<p>13.30 pm</p>	<p>227 kms</p>	<p>San Mateo Ixtatan – Barrillas  Rough road !!! ( 1.30 hours for 28 kms)  <i>Things do do and to visit</i>  (never investigated ! maybe late classic period) , Nuca  The library of town , where you can find fossils of , what could be , a mamut ( mastodonte Americano)  The river Cambalam , about 400 meters from Central Park  The Lagoon Maxbal , difficult to reach .. you need an extra day .. but from an amazing beauty ! (completely unknown) , overnight possible in the small town with the same name  <b>Santa Cruz Barillas</b> is a municipality in the Guatemalan department of Huehuetenango. It is situated at 1450m above sea level. It covers a terrain of 1,112km<sup>2</sup> The annual festival is April 29-May 4.</p>	<p>28 kms</p>
<p>15.00 pm</p>	<p>227 kms in total</p>	<p>Overnight in Barillas  Hotel El quetzal (BASIC) , Hotel Virginia (BETTER) or other  In Santa Cruz Barillas there are banks, ATM machines, restaurants, bars etc...  PREPARE YOURSELF to wake up for another adventurous trip tomorrow !</p>	


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## Day 2

Leaving CRUZ BARRILLAS (Huehuetenango) into the QUICHE ... and VERAPACES

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08 am	227 km		<p>After breakfast leaving Barrillas to San Ramon Rough road <i>Things to do and to see</i> ( on the way, more or less)</p> <p>(a) Laguna Maxbal, amazing unknown... You need to take your own food with you as well as blankets, overnight possible in the little cabana, it can be COLD at night! (There are beds available). From Barrillas , ask for Ojo de agua, the farm Buenos aires, Union Las Palmas and finally the little community of San Jose Maxbal , takes 3 hrs in a good 4x4 one way and 1 hour hiking .. (so you definitely need another day)</p> <p>(b) The turtle lagoon, our secret in the community EL EDEN!</p> <p>(c) La Hamaca de los tosanteros ... ANOTHER secret ... near the town of Tzalampinul , 2 hrs 4x4 (one way) + 30 minutes by foot (one way) + 1 hr enjoying</p>		10 kms
09 am	237 km		<p>San Ramon ( junction) – Playa Grande (Ixcan) Rough road (big stones) , very slow going ... nature, rivers, jungle</p> <p><b>Playa Grande ("Big beach")</b> is the administrative centre of the municipality of Ixcán in the Guatemalan department of El Quiché. Native Mayan languages include, among many others, Uspanteka and Q'eqchi', although Spanish is also common. Its annual festival is held from the 15th to the 17th of May. Playa Grande has an airport. Its International Air Transport Association code is PKJ.</p>		70 kms
11.30 am	307 km		<p>Playa Grande – Lago Lachua <i>Things to do and to see</i></p> <p>Playa Grande, Mexican music &amp; alcohol &amp; food , feels like in a movie ☐ the old, bad and ugly ☐</p> <p>The park Lago Lachua has a capacity for 21 overnight visitors , bring your own food</p> <p><b>Laguna Lachua</b> is a Karstic lake in Guatemala. It is located in the middle of a national park covered with tropical rain forest, northwest of Cobán, near the border between the departments of Alta Verapaz and El Quiché. The lake is near circular in shape and is probably a cenote or doline. The lake water has a slightly sulphurous smell, which may explain the origin of its name: "Lachu" is derived from the Maya Q'eqchi' words "li chu h" which means "the fetid water". The water contains a relatively high degree of calcite and tree branches fallen into the lake are quickly covered with a white calcite layer.</p>		07 kms




12.00 pm	314 km	 <p>Lago Lachua – Junction Playitas  <i>Things to do and to see</i>          (a) Community          (b) Just before Laguna Lachua is a children park with animals and swimming pools ... strange but true (also restaurant)</p>	47 kms
13.30 pm	361 km	Junction Playita – Junction Chisec / Coban / Raxruja	28 kms
14.30 pm	389 km	<p>Junction Chisec to Raxruja , hotel Cancuen  <i>Things to do and to see</i>          (a) Cancuen archeological site, 18 kms away from Raxruja (dirt, unpaved road) to the embarcadero (port), 40 minutes in boat ... lunch can be provided by the locals , guides available . We have to advice before arriving ... interesting site! RECOMMENDED!          (b) Caves Los nacimientos... Unknown!</p> <p><b>Cancuen</b> is an archaeological site of the pre-Columbian Maya civilization, located in the Passion sub region of the central Maya lowlands in the present-day Guatemalan Department of El Peten. The city is notable for having one of the largest palaces in the Maya world.</p>	05 kms
14.45 pm	394 km		



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### Day 3

Leaving to the NORTH ... (IR AL NORTE, literally ... a lot of GUATEMALANS are doing that but for other reasons than tourism or adventure!!!)  
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08 am	394 km	 <p>After breakfast in Hotel Cancuen, leaving Raxruja to Sayache  <i>Things to do and to see</i>          Ceibal, easily to be reached in about 1 □ hrs by boat from SAYACHE, lunch on board, guides available          Aguateca , easily to be reached in about 1.45 hrs by boat from SAYACHE , lunch on board , guides available          Dos Pilas</p> <p>Tamarindito</p>		90 kms
09.15 am	484 km	 <p>Sayche to Flores          TIKAL, and much more! ( 63 km, 1 hr)</p> <p>Our office is located next to YAXHA, in front of hotel VILLA DEL LAGO ... for your guided tour to TIKAL or trek to the MIRADOR!          Please ask for more information</p>		68 kms

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We can provide you with tours into BELIZE, to AMBERGRIS CAYE or CAY CUALKER, to PALENQUE through BETHEL , to RIO DULCE .. Feel welcome to ask for more!!!

Flores/Tikal	0.5	63
Flores/Uaxactun	1.45	86
Flores/Yaxha	1.15	73
Flores/Melchor de Mencos	1.2	89
Flores/San Ignacio	1.3	110
Flores/Belize City	3.15	205
Flores/Rio Dulce	3	191
Flores/Bethel	3.2	123
Flores/Villa Maya Hotel	0.15	36
Flores/ Camino Real Tikal	0.4	36

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You can make this trip longer, very difficult shorter

### Price Table

Use of driver/guide (Biling<sup>LE</sup>) and vehicle 4x4 per day  
Prices in USD \$ per person per day  
Prices to the public  
As many stops as wanted

	01 day	02 days	03 days	04 days or more
01 person	220	210	185	175
02 persons	120	110	100	90
03 persons	85	75	70	65
04 persons (max)	75	70	65	60

Price does include: all cost for the driver, gasoline, insurance, parking, taxes, detailed route information & local contacts, extra tire , return of the car to its base

Price does NOT include: overnights, food, personal expenses, and entrance fees